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BOSTON, 1886.



GENEALOGICAL NOTES

OF THE DESCENDANTS OF

EBER STEBBINS, of Wilbraham [1773—1826],

AND HIS WIFE

ELIZABETH BLISS [1781—1831].

ALSO

OF OTHER FAMILIES CONNECTED BY MARRIAGE.

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“Then dost thou come of gentle blood,
Disgrace not thy good company ;
If lowly born, so bear thyself,
That gentle blood may come of thee.”

S T E B B I N S .

The descendants of Rowland Stebbing, who came to this country from England, in 1634, embrace nearly all in New England of the name of Stebbins, as now spelled.

Rowland Stebbing was born in 1594, near Cambridge, in England, and came to America from Ipswich in the ship "Francis," arriving in Boston in 1634. He was accompanied by his wife Sarah, and their children, Thomas, aged 14, Sarah, aged 11, John, aged 8, and Elizabeth, aged 6 years. He settled first in Roxbury, and removed thence to Springfield, Mass., probably because of his friendship in England with William Pynchon, the founder of Springfield. Rowland Stebbing died in Northampton, Dec. 14, 1671. He was accompanied in his removal to Northampton by his son John, whose descendants settled there and in other towns in that vicinity.

The descendants of Thomas settled principally in Longmeadow, Wilbraham, Brimfield, and in the State of Connecticut.

While, as stated above, Rowland Stebbing was the ancestor of a large proportion of those bearing the name of Stebbins in New England, yet the Colonial Records of Massachusetts, early church and town records, especially those of the Town of Roxbury, and of the First Church of Roxbury, show that there were others of the same name contemporary here with him.

GENEALOGY OF SOME OF THE DESCENDANTS OF ROWLAND
STEBBING AND HIS ELDEST SON THOMAS.

(1.) Rowland Stebbing, born, England, 1594; died, Northampton, Mass., 1671.

(2.) *Licut. Thomas*, of Springfield, eldest son of Rowland, born, England, 1620; died, September, 1683.

Married (1st) Hannah Wright, who died Oct. 16, 1660.

Married (2d) Abigail, widow of Benjamin Munn.

Children of Thomas and Hannah, born:

Samuel, Sept. 19, 1646; Thomas, July 31, 1648; Joseph, Oct. 24, 1652; Sarah, Aug. 18, 1654; Edward, April 14, 1656; Benjamin, April 11, 1658; Hannah, Oct. 1, 1660; Rowland, Oct. 2, 1660.

(3.) *Samuel*, of Longmeadow, eldest son of Thomas and Hannah, born Sept. 19, 1646; died July 13, 1708.

Married (1st) July 22, 1679, Joanna Lamb, who died Aug. 8, 1683.

Married (2d) Dec. 10, 1685, Abigail Brooks, born Jan. 25, 1666; died March 13, 1754.

Children of first marriage, born:

Thomas, Dec. 26, 1681; Samuel, May 13, 1683.

Children of second marriage, born:

John, Feb. 13, 1686; Ebenezer, Nov. 30, 1688; William, July 27, 1693; Abigail, Nov. 30, 1695; Joanna, March 4, 1697; Thomas, Aug. 10, 1698; Benjamin, Dec. 10, 1700; Mercy, Jan. 19, 1705.

(4.) *Lieut. William*, of Longmeadow, third son of Samuel and Abigail, born July 27, 1693; died Oct. 30, 1776.

Married (1st) March 15, 1716, Mercy Knowlton, of Springfield, who died March, 1751.

Married (2d) 1754, widow Thankful Pond, of Northford, Conn.

Children of first marriage, born :

Benjamin, ———; Mercy, ———; William, ———; William (2d), April 22, 1726; Ruth, July 26, 1728; Ezra, Aug. 16, 1731; Zadock, Nov. 10, 1732; Mercy (2d), ———.

(5.) *Ezra*, of Longmeadow, fourth son of William and Mercy, born Aug. 16, 1731; died Feb. 5, 1796.

Married Feb. 24, 1757, Margaret Chapin, daughter of Samuel and Anna Chapin of Ludlow; she died April 26, 1808.

Children of Ezra and Margaret, born :

Zadock, Feb. 13, 1758; Ezra, Aug. 19, 1760; Mercy, March 16, 1763; Anna, March 27, 1766; William, June 12, 1768; Ruth, ~~June~~ 17, 1771; Eber, March 2, 1773; Knowlton, October, 1774; Knowlton (2d), May 15, 1776.

(6.) *Eber*, of Wilbraham, fourth son of Ezra and Margaret, born March 2, 1773; died Feb. 19, 1826.

Married Jan. 29, 1801, Elizabeth Bliss, daughter of David and Rhoda (Colton) Bliss. She was born ——— 1781; died June 25, 1831.

Children of Eber and Elizabeth, all born in Wilbraham :

Reuben Bliss, born Dec. 23, 1801; died April 4, 1841.

(Unmarried.)

Eber, born Oct. 31, 1803; died Aug. 29, 1839.

Edwin Cooley, born July 12, 1805; died Feb. 16, 1886.

Elizabeth, born May 22, 1807; died Jan. 16, 1865.

Solomon, born Aug. 24, 1809; died March 11, 1830.

(Unmarried.)

Francis Bliss, born July 16, 1811; died Nov. 19, 1871.

Horace, born Aug. 20, 1813; died Feb. 7, 1862.

Emeline, born July 19, 1815; died Oct. 7, 1880.

George, born May 13, 1817; died Feb. 10, 1826.

(Unmarried.)

Chloe Bliss, born April 6, 1819.

Eunecia Taylor, born April 7, 1821.

DESCENDANTS OF THE CHILDREN OF EBER AND ELIZABETH.

(7.) Eber, second son of Eber and Elizabeth, born Oct. 31, 1803; died Aug. 29, 1839, and buried in Wilbraham.

Married April 12, 1827, Emeline Beebe, daughter of Sherwood Beebe, of Ludlow, Mass. She was born Aug. 19, 1804; died in Boston, Dec. 26, 1864, and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Boston.

Children of Eber and Emeline :

George Sherwood, born in Wilbraham, Mass., Jan. 9, 1828; died Ottawa, Ill., Nov. 29, 1867.

Solomon Bliss, born in Warren, Mass., Jan. 18, 1830.

Lucy Maria, born in Wilbraham, May 10, 1832; died in Boston, Jan. 13, 1862, and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

(8.) George Sherwood, eldest son of Eber and Emeline, born Jan. 9, 1828; died Nov. 29, 1867.

Married, January 16, 1862, Annie C. Weston, daughter of Eben and Delia (Bliss) Weston, of Illinois, formerly of West Springfield, Mass. She was born October 17, 1838.

Children of George Sherwood and Annie C. :

Theodore Winthrop, born Ottawa, Ill., Nov. 25, 1862; died Denver, Colo., Jan. 22, 1882, and buried at Ottawa.

Georgiana, born July 20, 1864.

Philip Sherwood, born April 4, 1866.

Marah Gray, born March 26, 1868.

(8.) Solomon Bliss, second son of Eber and Emeline, born Jan. 18, 1830.

Married Oct. 12, 1881, Ellen Bradford, daughter of John and Jane West (McLauthlin) Bradford, of Winchester, Mass. She was born May 24, 1851.

Children of Solomon Bliss and Ellen :

George Bradford, born Dec. 18, 1882.

Roger Pierce, born Sept. 20, 1884.

(8.) Lucy Maria, daughter of Eber and Emeline, born May 10, 1832; died Jan. 13, 1862.

Married in Boston, July 20, 1855, George M. Rogers of Boston, who was born in Newburyport, ~~1820~~. 1819.

Children of Lucy Maria and George M. Rogers :

George Bliss, born in Boston, May 3, 1857. Graduated at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and Yale College.*

Frederick William, born in Boston, March 15, 1859. Graduated at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., and Yale College.

Emma, born in Boston, Dec. 23, 1861; died Jan. 4, 1862.

* Married, at New Haven, Conn., Jan. 26, 1886, Emilie E., daughter of Thos. R. Trowbridge of New Haven. Died at Cambridge, Mass., March 4, 1886, and was buried in Mt. Hope cemetery, Boston.

(7.) Edwin Cooley, third son of Eber and Elizabeth, born July 12, 1805; died Feb. 16, 1886, buried at Windsor, Conn.

Married, Nov. 24, 1831, Angeline Hannah Holcomb, born Aug. 19, 1810; died Sept. 19, 1880.

Children of Edwin Cooley and Angeline Hannah:

Elizabeth Angeline, born May 27, 1834; died Oct. 30, 1841.

Emeline Narcissa, born Sept. 23, 1836.

(8.) Emeline Narcissa, second daughter of Edwin C. and Angeline H., born Sept. 23, 1836.

Married, Oct. 29, 1857, Frank Cowles, born April 27, 1835.

Children of Emeline N. and Frank Cowles:

Hattie Elizabeth, born Feb. 21, 1859.

Edwin Stephen, born Nov. 5, 1865.

Bliss Stebbins, born March 28, 1872.

(7.) Elizabeth, first daughter of Eber and Elizabeth, born May 22, 1807; died in Warren, Mass., Jan. 16, 1865.

Married Silas Switzer, who died in 1853.

No children.

was born in Warren, Dec. 2,

(7.) Francis Bliss, fifth son of Eber and Elizabeth, born July 16, 1811; died Nov. 19, 1871.

Married, at Austerlitz, N. Y., Dec. 13, 1850, Amelia Blanchard, born Windsor, Conn., Aug. 11, 1812.

Their only child, Francis Willard, born May 18, 1852; died Aug 25, 1852.

(7.) Horace, sixth son of Eber and Elizabeth, born Aug. 20, 1813; died Feb. 7, 1862.

Married Mary Beals, of Plainfield, Mass.

No children.

(7.) Emeline, second daughter of Eber and Elizabeth, born July 19, 1815; died Oct. 7, 1880.

Married Luther Bridges, born 1813; died in Warren, July 20, 1881.

Palmer, Feb.,

Children of Emeline and Luther Bridges:

Martha **E.**, born 1841, married in Warren, Aug. 20, 1862, James L. Weeks.

James Luther, born Aug. 28, 1849; married in Warren, Dec. 25, 1871, Fannie A. Curtis.

GENEALOGY OF ELIZABETH BLISS, WIFE OF EBER STEBBINS.

(1.) *Nathaniel* Bliss, born in England, settled in Springfield, 1635.

Married, November 20, 1646, Catharine Chapin.

(2.) *Samuel*, their first son, born November 7, 1647; died June 19, 1749.

Married, January 2, 1672, Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Wright) *Stebbins*. She was born August 18, 1654; died November 6, 1721.

(3.) *Nathaniel*, their second son, born September 8, 1679; died March 12, 1751.

Married (1st) Mary Morgan, born December 24, 1686; died November 22, 1739.

Married (2d) December 6, 1742, Mary, widow of Joseph Cooley, of Somers, Conn.

(4.) *Nathaniel*, first son by first marriage, born October 26, 1704; died November 23, 1771.

Married, September 25, 1733, Priscilla Burt, born March 18, 1711; died April 12, 1769.

(5.) *David*, their fourth child, born April 4, 1745; died ———, 1828.

Married, 1776, Rhoda Colton, descended, on her mother's side, from William Pynchon, founder of Springfield, born June 9, 1748; died ———, 1825.

Their children were as follows:

David, born June 25, 1777; died August 27, 1859.

Edward, born January 28, 1779; died July 18, 1852.

Elizabeth, born ^{Feb. 17,} 1781; died June 25, 1831.

Chloe, born ^{May 2,} 1783; died ^{Aug. 14,} 1858.

Pynchon, born September 15, 1785; died March 4, 1868.

Solomon, born March 17, 1787; died ^{April 7,} 1822. —

Reuben, born April 8, 1791; died ^{Mar. 1,} 1793.

(6.) *Elizabeth*, their third child and first daughter, married, as stated before, January 29, 1801, Eber, fourth son of Ezra and Margaret (Chapin) *Stebbins*.

GENEALOGY OF ELLEN BRADFORD, WIFE OF SOLOMON
BLISS STEBBINS.

(1.) *William Bradford*, Governor of Plymouth Colony, was born at Austerfield, Yorkshire, England, in 1589. About 1608 he joined the pilgrims in Holland, and came to Plymouth in the "Mayflower," in 1620, accompanied by his wife, whose maiden name was Dorothy May. She was drowned while the "Mayflower" lay in Cape Cod Harbor, December 7, 1620. He was chosen Governor in 1621, and served in that capacity for thirty-one years.

August 14, 1623, he married Mrs. Alice Southworth, who died March 26, 1670. Governor Bradford died May 9, 1657.

(2.) *Major William*, eldest son of the second marriage, was born June 17, 1624. He married three times. He was, next to Myles Standish, chief military man of the colony, and in Philip's war was commander-in-chief of the Plymouth forces. He was for six years Assistant Treasurer and Deputy Governor of Plymouth. Died February 20, 1703-4.

(3) *David*, his fourteenth child, born at Plymouth; died 1730.

Married, 1714, Elizabeth Finney, of Plymouth.

(4.) *Nathaniel*, their first child, born at Plymouth, December 10, 1714. [1715?] *Died March 27, 1757.*

Married, ~~March 27, 1757,~~ Sarah Spooner, of Plymouth.

(5.) *Nathaniel*, their first child, born at Plymouth, July 26, 1748; died November 24, 1837.

Married Rebecca Holmes, who died January 15, 1838.

(6.) *Ephraim*, their fifth child, born at Plymouth, June 28, 1785; died at Duxbury, December 5, 1869.

Married (1st) Hannah Morton, of Plymouth.

Married (2d) February 9, 1823, Lucy Peterson, of Duxbury, born May 1, 1799; died August, 1875.

(7.) *John*, first child of Ephraim and Lucy, born at Duxbury, November 27, 1823.

Married, at New York, December 20, 1849, Jane West McLauthlin, of Pembroke, Mass., born July 24, 1825.

(8.) *Ellen*, their first child, born at Pembroke, Mass., May 24, 1851.

Married, as before stated, October 12, 1881, Solomon Bliss Stebbins.

GENEALOGY OF GEORGE M. ROGERS, HUSBAND OF LUCY M.
STEBBINS.

(1.) *Rev. John*, of Dedham, in Essex, England, is believed to have descended from the martyr Rogers who was burnt at Smithfield in 1555, or from one of his brothers. He was first settled at Haverhill, in Suffolk, and later was a preacher at Dedham for thirty-one years. Died 1636.

(2.) *Rev. Nathaniel*, second son of the preceding, born at Haverhill, Eng., about 1598. Arrived in New England in November, 1636, and in 1638 was ordained colleague pastor of the church at Ipswich, Mass. Died July 2, 1655. Married Margaret, daughter of Sir (?) Robt. Crane, of Coggehall, Essex, Eng.

(3.) *Rev. John*, eldest son of the preceding, born in England in 1630, came with his father to New England in 1636, and was educated at Harvard College, of which he was chosen President in 1683. He died July, 1684.

(4.) *Rev. John*, eldest son of the preceding, born July 7, 1666, was educated at Harvard College, and settled as pastor at Ipswich. Died December 28, 1745.

(5.) *Rev. John*, eldest son of the preceding, born Jan. 19, 1692, educated at Harvard College, and settled at Kittery. Died October 16, 1773.

(6.) *Rev. John*, eldest son of the preceding, born August 7, 1719, educated at Harvard College; was pastor of the town parish, Gloucester. Died October 4, 1782.

(7.) *John*, eldest son of the preceding, born December 1, 1746; graduated at Harvard in 1767. Died Nov. 24, 1827. He was for more than forty years a school teacher in Manchester and Gloucester.

(8.) *John*, son of the preceding, born in Gloucester, February 25, 1785; married, July 9, 1806, Judith Rogers. He came to Boston in 1835, and died there March 19, 1856.

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(9.) *George M.*, second son of the preceding, born in Newburyport, ~~in 1820~~, and married as before stated, Lucy Maria, daughter of Eber and Emeline Stebbins.

Note. Some of the printed references to the early history of the Stebbins families are as follows :

1. The first American genealogy published was of a portion of the Stebbins family, by Luke Stebbins, printed in Hartford, 1771, of the original edition of which only two copies are known to exist. A reprint of one hundred copies was issued in 1879, by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, of Boston.

2. Memoir of Stebbins family, collected and compiled by Daniel Stebbins, M. D., of Northampton, Mass. Printed in New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 5, 1851.

3. Wilbraham. Historical address delivered at the Centennial Celebration, June 15, 1863, by Rev. Rufus P. Stebbins.

3. Longmeadow. Historical address at Centennial Celebration, 1883, by Rev. R. S. Storrs.

4. Connecticut Valley Historical Society. Papers and proceedings, 1876-1881. Springfield, 1881.

See also Holland's (J. G.) Western Massachusetts; town histories of Connecticut Valley; Suffolk, Mass.; Registry of deeds, vol. 1; Roxbury town records, and the publications of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

EXTRACTS FROM MEMOIR OF STEBBINS FAMILY, BY DANIEL
STEBBINS, M. D., OF NORTHAMPTON.

“The surname Stebbing probably originated in the county of Essex, Eng., where, in the hundred of Hincford, there is a town or parish of Stebbing.

“In this county is found the earliest mention of the name yet discovered, in the Chancery Rolls or Records, 3 *John*, 1201.

“As to the Stebbing family, few of England’s haughtiest nobles can trace their lineage to a period so remote as they; and in this country, with the exception of the descendants of the few Jamestown settlers, and the pilgrims of the Mayflower, none can boast an older descent.”

The name Stebbing is of Saxon origin, and descriptive, “*ing*” meaning *field*, Stebbing, or Stub-ing, meaning *stub-field*. The armorial bearings of Stebbing (London and Wisset, County Suffolk). Quarterly, or and gules; on a bend sable, five bezants. Crest, a lion’s head erased ar.

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